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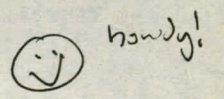

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Students slam fee hike

by Tyrone Newhook

Don't store away your placards just yet.

Judging from a recent survey of 448 students conducted by CUSA, it looks like Concordia may join a province-wide general strike to fight a tuition hike.

Results from the Feb. 13 fee-hike assembly showed that most Concordia students don't want to pay higher fees and are ready to strike for a fee freeze.

During the general assembly held in the Hall building auditorium, a panel of five student leaders and Concordia vice-rector finances Maurice Cohen discussed the provincial government's proposed tuition fee hike.

Meanwhile, outside the auditorium, students filled out a questionnaire asking if they supported the university's $350 increase on tuition fees, opposed the hike and if they agree to a strike in favour of the tuition freeze.

On the first question, 64 per cent of students said they were against the university's proposed $350 increase.

When asked whether they supported a strike, 50 per cent of students said they did while 41 per cent were opposed.

On Dec. 19, Education Minister Claude Ryan announced that university students will be paying about $1,240 in tuition fees by 1992. Universities will also be permitted to slap an extra 10 per cent fee.

In response to the results, CUSA co-president Melodie Sullivan said CUSA would form a strike committee to publicize a fee freeze and a strike.

Sullivan said a motion presented to the CUSA Board of Directors to "actively support any Concordia student's movement in favor of a strike"wasn't tabled at the last CUSA board meeting because they didn't achieve quorum.

Sullivan also said CUSA may let students decide whether to support a strike by holding a referendum during the March 12-15 QPIRG elections period.

A group of students will be meeting to form a strike committee Thursday afternoon in room H-645 at 3:30.

History student Phil Toone said the committee will try to mobilize Concordia students for an unlimited general strike.

"CUSA has failed to educate students about why students shouldn't support a fee increase," Toone said. "We'll be having a petition and hand out literature and other activities to get students to actively fight the increase."

A study by noted UQAM education professor Clement Lemelin estimates that some 10-20 per cent of students will have to drop out of university if tuition is raised to $1,200.

Former Link reporter can breathe a little easier after being cleared of perjury charges.

Link evicted?

by Dave McCullough
Canadian University Press

Apparently, CUSA didn't want the Link to be its Valentine.

On Feb. 14, the student newspaper was served with a two-page eviction notice delivered by a security guard at about 4:30 pm. Signed by CUSA co-president Shawn O'Hara, the notice said that "after an extended period of research and vast consideration, we have concluded that our only recourse is to move the Link offices" from H-649 in the Hall Building to the P-Annexe on Mackay Street.

The Link was given until 3pm the following Wednesday to complete the move, but after a discussion prompted by Link staffers at an informal Board of Directors meeting, the decision was postponed. A committee of three Link staffers and three CUSA representatives was formed to discuss the move.

CUSA said the decision was based on the limited space available for its groups and associations with the closing of Loyola's Centennial Building.

"The executives all feel the space should be more appropriately distributed," O'Hara said. "It's the best solution to solve our space problem."

But Ita Kendall, the Link's Canadian University Press (CUP) coordinator said "CUSA probably did very little research since it did not even know the administration has not yet taken any decision on the fate of the Centennial Building.

"When we called the administration they told us that they weren't sure whether the building would be sold or renovated," Kendall said "They said they would make a decision by the end of 1990 if not later."

Kendall said she believes CUSA has a hidden agenda. The decision is CUSA's way of harassing the press because the move would be costly and disruptive for the Link, according to Kendall.

"We have a tradition of being critical of the student government, especially in the past year," Kendall said. "If we can't publish then obviously we are not free to express our views."

"We are a communication service for the Concordia community and if CUSA makes it difficult for us to publish then they are denying this service to the university population," Kendall added.

CUSA co-president Shawn O'Hara, who signed the Feb. 14 notice, said, "We have no intention to shut down the Link."

According to an unsigned document sent to the Concordian regarding the executive decision, "The Link should be further from CUSA. It is odd that the Link, an autonomous body, shoud have the space closest to CUSA. This space should be for CUSA groups."

The Link was never sent a copy of that document.

The third floor of the P-Annexe offered to the Link in exchange for the Hall Building space is inadequate for the paper's needs, staffers argue. Link business assistant Alice O'Brien said she spoke to various university officials who confirmed this. She said the costs to house the Link in this space would be over $10,000.

The CUSA-Link committee met last Monday to discuss the issue. O'Brien said that nothing was resolved, but CUSA requested a list of the Link's accomodation requirements. The committee is scheduled to meet next week.

Court clears ex-*Link* reporter of perjury

by Mike Orsini

A former Link reporter was finally acquitted of a perjury charge after a three-year delay in the court hearing.

A Quebec court judge threw out the charge against Ian Halperin Feb. 13 because the Crown failed to prove its case.

Halperin was accused of perjury in 1986, in connection with pre-trial testimony he gave in a $100,000 libel suit filed two years earlier against him and former Link reporter Max Wallace.

The suit was launched by Concordia's former athletics director Ed Enos, following a series of articles from 1983 and 1984 accusing him of improprieties. Enos has since moved to the Exercise Science department.

Halperin and Wallace later won the Rolling Stone Magazine Award for college investigative journalism.

During the pre-trial hearing, Halperin was forced to reveal his sources for stories alleging nepotism in the department. He insisted the articles were based on information from officials in the athletics department, but those officials denied ever giving Halperin interviews.

Halperin said Enos coerced the sources into signing affidavits denying they spoke to him.

All three officials did say they spoke to Halperin. Robert Philip, Concordia's current athletics director, said he discussed various subjects with Halperin en route to a football game in Ottawa, but was later surprised by articles detailing improprieties in the department.

Concordia hockey coach Paul Arsenault, who also testified, said he spoke to Halperin, but alleged that none of the information for the stories was taken from discussions with him.

"He spoke to everybody in the department," Arsenault said. "But many of the things he said in the articles were not given directly by myself."

George Short, Enos' former assistant, said he spoke to Halperin but wasn't interviewed.

Arsenault and Philip told the court they met with Short to discuss the "crisis" within the department. But in his testimony, Short said he never attended any so-called meetings.

In his ruling, Judge Claude Joncas said it was conceivable for each witness to feel he was not a source. But since they could not corroborate each other's testimony, the court had no choice but to acquit Halperin.

The trial was delayed for almost three years when Halperin left the country for London, where he worked as a professional musician.

Upon his return last July, Halperin was arrested without bail and tossed into the Parthenais Detention Centre.

Halperin's lawyer Julius Grey appealed the court's denial of bail and won. His parents posted a $50,000 bail but Halperin was given a midnight curfew and ordered to report to the police station every Monday.

Halperin, who is now completing his degree in journalism and music, said Concordia did nothing to help him through this rough period.

"I didn't get much support from the school," he said. "Now I'm left to foot the legal bills and I'm innocent."

Arsenault said he's happy Halperin got off.

"I think that everybody was out to improve the situation in the athletics department," he said. "Ian was just a student doing his best to improve the situation."

The Link stories included allegations that Enos used athletics department money to finance his son's trip to the U.S.S.R. Halperin and Wallace also uncovered that indirect payments had been made to student athletes, which the university later confirmed.

The Concordia men's basketball team was put on one year's probation by the Canadian Interuniversity Athletics Union following an article about recruiting violations.

Halperin said he hasn't been discouraged from becoming a journalist, but other student journalists might be deterred from writing investigative stories.

"I'm glad the department faced up to its problems," Halperin said.

Arsenault said the Link's revelations did force the department to redeem itself in the eyes of the university community.

"The athletics department is 150 per cent better today," he said. "I think we really needed that kick in the butt."

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Budget axe falls hard

by Andy Riga
Canadian University Press

OTTAWA (CUP) -- Michael Wilson has let his budget axe fall on university funding.

In his Feb. 20 budget, the federal finance minister announced that $2.5 billion will be slashed from federal transfer payments, which the provinces use to help pay for post-secondary education and health care.

While Canadian business leaders lauded Wilson's "no new taxes" budget, students across the country couldn't help but worry about its consequences.

The cutbacks -- $869 million this year and $1.5 billion next year -- could mean higher tuition, lower quality education and an underfunding crisis in Canadian universities, according to student leaders and university administrators.

Whichever way you look at it, the effects of the heavy- handed cutbacks will sooner or later trickle down to students, according to Jane Arnold, chair of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS).

She estimates that over the next five years, provinces will have $3 billion less in federal money to pump into the country's universities and colleges.

"Provincial governments now have to decide where they're going to get the money to make up for these cuts," Arnold said. "I'm 100 per cent positive tuition will go up."

"There's no way the provinces are going raise taxes to make up for the cuts. And as fees skyrocket, we'll see a decrease in accessibility."

It was announced recently that federal summer job-creation programs for 1990 will be cut by $41 million, which according to the CFS will mean 24,000 fewer jobs for students this year.

Also, late last year the government announced a new three per cent tax on student loans. And the new goods and services tax will increase the cost of books, supplies, food, clothes and transportation, by seven per cent.

Arnold said Wilson's budget sets a dangerous precedent -- and she's worried the slashing will continue as the Tory government becomes increasingly obsessed by the federal deficit.

"Post-secondary education is headed down a dangerous path," Arnold said. "We as students realize what the deficit is -- we're the ones who are going to inherit it.

"But as we head into the 21st century, we should also be thinking of the future of the country. In the long run, higher education will be what makes us more competitive.

"What's happening to education is a result of short-term thinking."

According to the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, the federal government's contribution to funding as a percentage of gross national product has decreased by 20 per cent over the past 12 years. During the same period, enrolment increased 35 per cent.

The 1990 budget cutbacks continue that trend.

"Post-secondary education and health care are carrying the burden of two-thirds of the reductions announced by the government in the budget," said AUCC president Claude Lajeunesse.

"That's exaggerated and unfair."

Lajeunesse said Canadians are getting a "confusing message" form a hypocritical federal government that has proclaimed post-secondary education a priority.

"In spite of the promises and the importance assigned to post-secondary education, it has been singled out for most of the cuts."

He wondered about the timing of the cuts, just months after Prime Minister Brian Mulroney announced the creation of a national task force on what it calls "human resource development."

The task force -- proposed by Mulroney at last November's first ministers conference -- will look into problems in education.

Mulroney has been on the education bandwagon for over a year now. In speech after speech, he has talked of the importance of education. "The competitiveness of nations in the global market will be determined by the quality of their education systems," Mulroney said in August 1989.

But Lajeunesse questions the government's committment to education.

"How can they create this task force and at the same time cut back on transfer payments?" Lajeunesse asked.

That point was echoed by Chris Axworthy, the New Democratic Party's post-secondary education critic.

"Mulroney can't have it both ways -- first he says education is a priority and then he makes these significant cuts."

"What we're seeing is Mr. Mulroney reneging on his committment to first-class education for Canadian students," Axworthy said.

Instead of slashing transfer payments -- which will cause major problems for poorer provinces -- the government should be "equalizing accessibility across the country," according to Axworthy.

"Wilson's budget is an attack on the poor provinces, students -- and the future of Canada."

Axworthy said Wilson's budget proves the government is not committed to the future of Canada. He pointed to other cutbacks, including a $39 million reduction in

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Over 7,000 students took to the streets Feb. 14 to protest the tuition fee hike.

Student strike delayed

by Ita Kendall

A province-wide student strike to fight a tuition hike was postponed because only seven of the 57 student associations were prepared to walk out.

Members of the Association Nationale des Etudiantes et Etudiants du Quebec (ANEEQ), the Federation des Etudiants et Etudiantes du Quebec (FEEQ) and other student associations met in Quebec City this weekend and set a tentative strike for March 6th. It was originally scheduled for today.

Stephane Lessard, ANEEQ's information officer, said students need more time to decide whether they want to join the strike.

"There are over twenty general assemblies planned for this week to discuss the unlimited general strike," Lessard said.

"There's a lot of positive feeling for a strike. We are confident that the general assemblies planned for this week will result in a strong support for a strike."

A poll conducted by the French-language daily *La Presse* last week revealed that 58 per cent of Quebecers oppose a tuition-fee hike and 41 per cent of the population would approve of a student strike to protest the hike.

Lessard is optimistic next week's strike will go ahead. Jeff Begley, ANEEQ's external coordinator, said this is the students' last chance to get the government to change its mind before the massive strike begins.

"Once students start to protest other groups will get involved," Begley said. "We've sent 400-500 letters to community groups, unions, professors' associations and others. We've already received 100 responses."

A demonstration to protest the fee hike has been scheduled for March 11th in Montreal and ANEEQ has invited those groups to participate.

Begley said the only groups who support a hike are the Conference des Recteurs et Principaux des Universités du Quebec (CREPUQ), the Conseil des Patronats and the Chamber of Commerce.

"I think that points to a very distinct line between the haves and the have-nots," Begley said.

Commenting on last week's federal budget which brought drastic cuts in education funding, Begley said the (provincial) Liberals and the Tories have the same agendas.

"Their social policies are based on economic priorities rather than social priorities," Begley said. "We have to act now because it is only the beginning and the government can still be forced to go back."

Unité editorial staff impeached

by Heidi Modro

MONTREAL (CUP) -- The entire staff of l'Université du Québec à Montréal's (UQAM) student newspaper was impeached Feb. 19 for being "a threat to student unity at the university."

The move came two days after the student council representing arts and literature students at UQAM impounded the latest issue of the bi-weekly newspaper, L'Unité, saying it contained "biased" reporting.

The council singled out articles pertaining to the debate going on at UQAM about whether students should join the province- wide student strike Feb. 27 to protest Quebec's upcoming tuition hike.

Arts and literature students have decided to join the strike, but only if other faculty student councils agree. L'Unité came out strongly for a strike -- even if other councils decide not to.

Charles Benoit, an impeached member of the paper's editorial collective, said the council's action is an attack on freedom of the press.

"They wanted the editorial collective to lie down and pretend that there actually was some kind of unanimity within the student movement," Benoit said.

"They didn't want us to say that the association's strategy was leading to a disaster."

Benoit said "There is little chance of unanimous approval, but those students who want to strike should be allowed to."

L'Unité has been having problems with the council since last summer, when the paper's office was taken over by the council to make way for a meeting room.

The paper was produced out of Benoit's apartment ever since.

Council president André Gagnon said the impeachments were justified because "student unity" must be kept strong on campus as they press for a strike.

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Editorial

Save *the Link*!

The day before school let out for reading week, CUSA co-president Shawn O'Hara sent a security guard armed with an eviction notice to *the Link*. It demanded *the Link* relocate to the third floor P-Annexe — at our expense — in six days.

This letter came 24 hours before a CUSA board of directors meeting. O'Hara claims the CUSA executive made the decision. But, how could they hope to form an opinion on this matter without consulting anyone involved? Until a special committee meeting the next week, neither O'Hara nor any executive members had any idea what such a move would entail.

Preliminary research reveals the move and necessary renovations would cost at least $15,000. The space allotted is 57 per cent of what *the Link* now uses. The ventilation, air quality, plumbing and electrical system are all insufficient. These are hardly small considerations.

Furthermore, the Link must be accessible to the physically challenged. It is obliged to be — through its constitution, a staff mandate and Canadian University Press' statement of principles to which *the Link* adheres. And, *the Link* will publish a special disabled students' issue (March 27). Obviously disabled people cannot participate in their own issue if they cannot the climb the three flights of stairs in the P-Annexe.

It is incomprehensible that the student association proposes to spend tens of thousands of dollars of student money to move *the Link* and relocate dozens of clubs. Clearly, it would be preferable to obtain other space from the university but CUSA has not been willing to work with *the Link* to lobby for better space that they claim is so desperately needed.

CUSA says clubs will need to be relocated from the Centennial building at Loyola. But, the administration says it will be at least a year until any decision is made on the fate of the building. And, the administration is bound by a lease to replace any space they take away from CUSA. The same lease obliges CUSA to provide space for the newspapers on campus.

Within three years, the administration plans to relocate much of the activities that now take place on the Hall Building's mezzanine to the new downtown library. This will free up space for CUSA groups. It also plans to sell the annexes on Mackay and Bishop, so the shuffle CUSA proposes would have to be made all over again.

When *the Link* became independent from CUSA, a verbal agreement was struck between the two organizations. It was agreed that *the Link* would use H-649 (or a suitable equivalent amount of space). Also, *the Link* agreed to provide CUSA and its clubs with 20 to 25 per cent ad reductions, free agenda listings, comment space, and election platform pages.

This was never entrenched because a spirit of goodwill existed between the two. Now, Shawn O'Hara has shown an utter disrespect toward this agreement. Legally, a contract occurs when two parties agree — a written contract is simply proof of that contract.

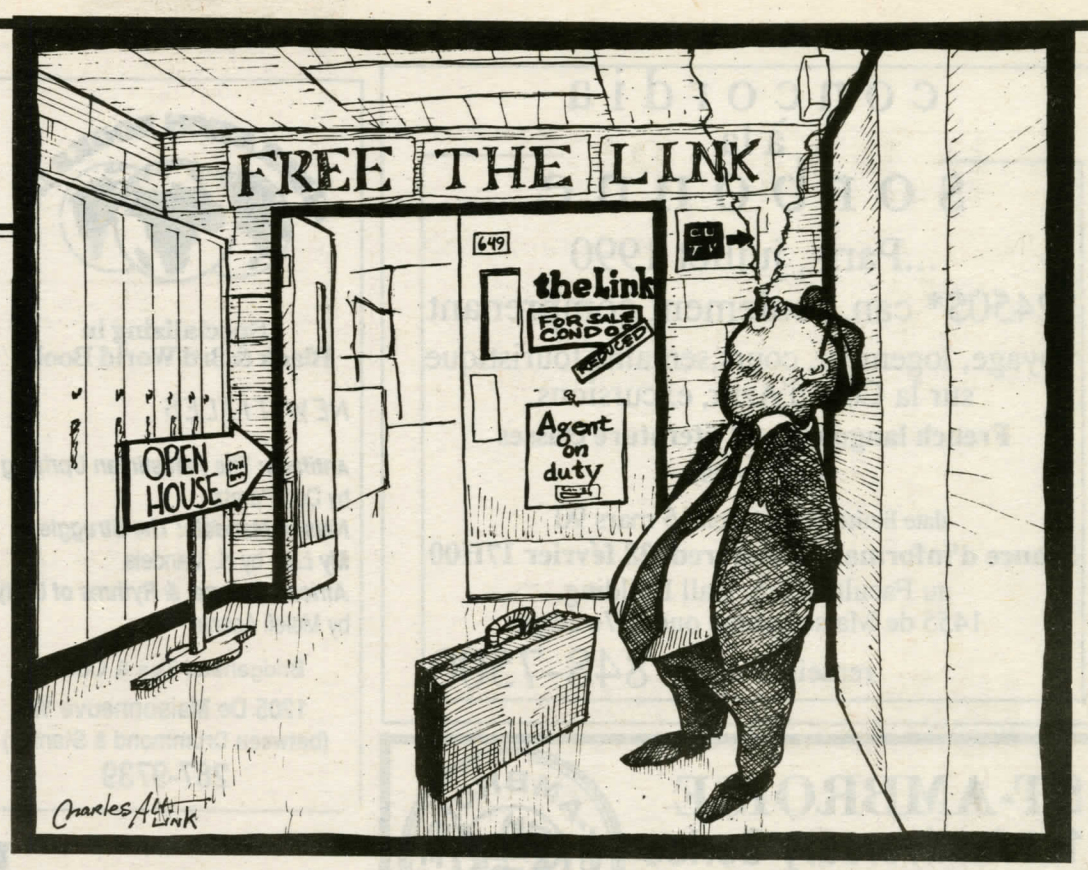
A twice-weekly student newspaper requires a certain environment to thrive. *The Link* (and its predecessor, *The Georgian*) has been housed in H-649 since 1969. It needs enough room for its production equipment, a fully functional darkroom, an easily accessible office and accomodation for its 40 odd staff and the 50 to 100 people that come by daily.

In the eviction notice, O'Hara wrote: "Clearly any additional clubs to the P-Annexe would be inhumane for all concerned." Does he mean to say the students who visit *the Link* are subhuman?

CUSA has yet to present a convincing argument, or even a viable proposal. All we have heard is the inflexible childish line that H-649 is their space to do with as they like. Do they feel the same way about the students' money that such a move would waste?

In the committee meeting, O'Hara mentioned a comment in *the Link* he didn't like. He has argued that *the Link* should be moved to distance it from CUSA and increase "objectivity." Apparently, CUSA would prefer that editorial content was in their control to do with as they like as well.

It is obvious by the unrealistic original deadline, the faulty arguments, the refusal to cooperate, and the lack of research that CUSA's decision — or, O'Hara's decision — is rooted in a desire to punish *the Link* for being its watchdog rather than improving its clubs' situation.



Letters

Rector rectifies

to the editors,

I should like to clarify two points with reference to the letter to the editor from Mr. Karp concerning my association with "The Friends of Meech Lake".

First, it should be clearly stated that this represents my personal opinion. I did not attempt to represent my position as being that of Concordia University. In the original listing of signatories, only the names of the Friends and their city of residence were given. There was no indication of the business or the institution with which they are associated. The mention of Concordia University in association with my name was the choice of The Gazette journalist, and not mine.

Second, I believe it is important to remember that though I am Rector of the University, I remain free to take a personal stance on an issue about which I feel strongly. I am sure Mr. Karp would agree that this is the essence of our democratic system, as well as its great strength and durability.

Thank you.

Patrick Kenniff
Rector and Vice-Chancellor

Rector's responsibility

to the editors,

In response to the Rector's statement in the *Thursday Report* and *the Link*, I agree that Mr. Kenniff is allowed to state his own personal opinion. However, because of his position as Rector, he must make it quite clear that it is his own opinion, and not that of the University, and it is his responsibility to emphasize that point to the causes that he supports and the press. Since the *Gazette* is responsible for this error in implying that the University is in support of the Meech Lake Accord, the Rector should have the *Gazette* clarify this situation. The reason for this clarification is that the *Gazette*, which has hundreds of thousands of readers, and is quite questionable in its neutrality of this issue, appears through its convenient errors to be using the legitimacy of this University, as well as other respectable institutions to support, in our opinion, this criminal act against the state of Canada. In conclusion, it is, again to be stated that the Rector should take the responsibility to remove our University's name from this issue.

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Cutbacks hurt

to the editors,

Due to the recently announced cutbacks to provincial governments across Canada, the Quebec government may be (probably will be) more reluctant to dish out any further financial assistance to less fortunate students (prospective) in the coming years.

To those who feel that government bursaries and loans will relieve the extra costs of a decent education in this province, don't hold your breath.

M. Leblanc
Fine Arts

What goes up . . .

to the editors,

Dear Diane McPeak: upon reading your letter in the *Thursday Report* (Feb. 8th), I felt compelled to answer back. If the Government raises tuition fees and raises loans & bursaries, how is it supposed to help the deficit? To me it looks ridiculous to raise fees and then just give it back in the form of a loan, putting students into debt. From what I understand of the funding formula, if a University has more students in a given year then the Government subsidies go down and if there are less students the next year subsidies go up. Now tuition may go as far as doubling! To me that means the Government is going to take away that much. Now the University is faced with an option of collecting a further 10% without being penalized. This extra money is coming out of students pockets, and I fail to see how this extra 10% will solve the problem of Concordia's facilities, services and materials; not to mention improving the quality of our education.

You've mentioned in the letter that "anyone who obtains an education gets something very precious back, which lasts a lifetime. It is something we should all protect." That is a very nice statement, but if accessibility is reduced how does that protect education? The Government's proposed Raport Parent (20 years ago) was made to ensure accessibility to an Education. Furthermore in 1976 the PQ government passed a law which emphasizes that Education is a right! I do not feel that the present government is honoring this now. Raising fees and increasing loans will not ensure access. England realizes how important education is, and you can be sure that Thatcher is not raising tuition fees. France has a similar system where education is free (approx $36/year according to Eric Darier of PGSS McGill), so does Australia! In 1984 New York State University managed to freeze their gees to $1400 (CFS Conference, Oct. 1989). Imagine, in a Capitalist country too. Are we backwards? We should be in touch with the times! I realize that an education is something precious, but it is a right not a privilege.

"Even with the increase, Quebec's tuition fees remain the low-

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Food for thought

by Tony Kiendl

The Global Menu takes place more in the realm of the viewer's mind than on the gallery walls. Consequently, Montreal artist Freda Guttman's multi-media exhibition is extremely powerful.

The show centres around the politics of food: "the transfiguration of food from necessity to commodity for profit" and the role of consumers, labourers and multi-national corporations in this process.

This exhibition does not attack the viewer with graphic images of starvation, but more subtly presents photographs of lush fruit or a bountiful table. In so doing, it communicates an important message — the reality of people starving with food in sight.

It is not preachy or insulting. It befriends the viewer and attaches itself delicately, without bombast.

Consequently, the exhibition succeeds in its stated task: "to retrieve history, to acknowledge facts, to present information, and in so doing to pose the questions: Are we condemned to watch the reast of the world starve to death or be in a state of constant hunger? - To see our food system increasingly controlled by a very few, and to see Canadian farmers driven off their land? - To stand by as our food is poisoned and the planet destroyed by powerful and invisible forces? And can we allow those forces to remain invisible and unchallenged as they shape our lives and threaten our very existence?"

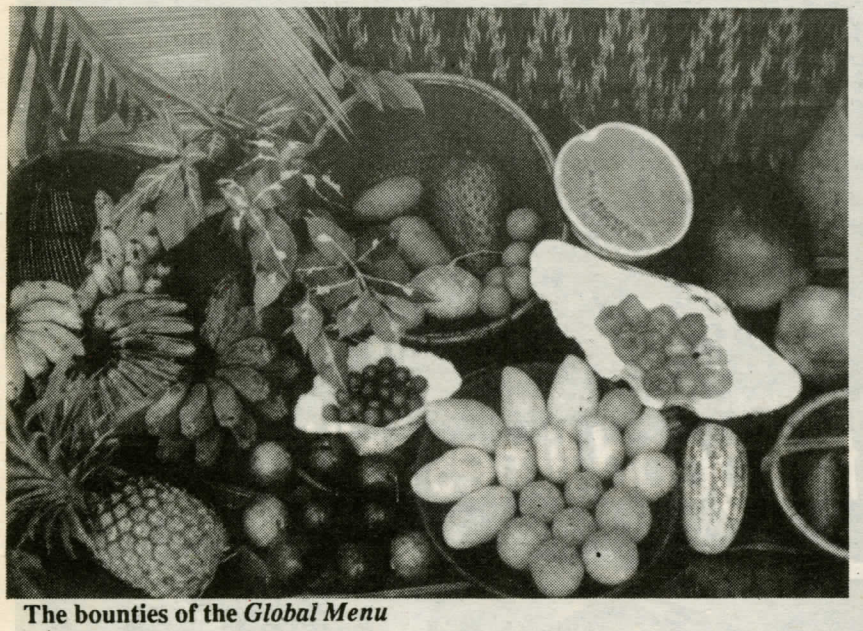
Not only is the message of this exhibition important, but it is also presented cleverly. For example the mounting of art upon placemats, rather than on posters or pamphlets is very effective.

An map of South America upside down challenges the assumptions of traditional Western map-makers. It acts as a visual metaphor to illustrate the domination of Western attitudes and imperialism in these countries. Guttman portrays the frequent clashes in thinking between the oppressed indigenous plantation workers and their employers and oppressors the Western plantation owners.

Creative editing of TV food advertisements lends humour to Guttman's message; adding what one could call an 'absurd bite.' Guttman believes that these advertisements are not only meant to sell products but are also meant to "control our very consciousness". In her exhibition, Guttman alllows the viewer to survey photographs of poverty stricken labourers while their employers' happy jingles float through the air from television monitors.

"The Global Menu's" contribution to art is conceptual in its idea: the use of art to create political change. The message cannot be separated from its medium and vice versa. Yet, the medium is just a part of the circumstances in which the subject is presented. And this is perhaps why the viewer, above all, retains the message. This is not art for art's sake.

The Global Menu is showing at Galerie Oboro (3981, boul. St-Laurent, #499) until March 18. The message of this exhibition is part of a series of events including a benefit concert, a benefit dinner, lectures, and National Film Board film and video screenings. For more information contact Galerie Oboro 286-2946; 931-8831



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Meet the Artist- Eve Damie, a graduate of Concordia will be at Galerie Opus 2 (Cooper Bldg., 3981 St. Lawrence, Suite 210, 499-0235). March 1st 7 to 9pm.

Tall Tales and True- Kick off the month with this Australian band at Foufounes (87 Ste. Catherine E., 845-5484) on Thursday, March 1st at 8:30pm. Only six bucks...Truly.

Percy Adlon- A retrospective of this filmmaker's (*Bagdad Café* fame) work. It starts this week with *Vie à la campagne de Tomi Ungerer* (German with French s.t.) and *Le tuteur et son poète* (German with English s.t.). Thurs. March 1st, 7pm at Goethe Institute (418 Sherbrooke E., Salle Norman McLaren, 499-0159) It's only $2 for the double screening and free coffee and non-alcoholic beverages will be served.

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R/P

by Brent Barrett

The Napolean and Josephine of alternative Rock 'n Roll will soon be abdicating their five year reign over *RearGarde* magazine.

Paul Gott and Emma Tibaldo conceived *RearGarde* while ruling over *Concordia Radio Sir George* (CRSG). The magazine began as a sporadic but popular program guide for the campus station. It has since grown into a critical life support system for Montreal's alternative music scene.

The monthly magazine attracted the applause of rock 'n roll gurus in cities across Canada and the States. Even bigwig Bob Marsh from Rolling Stone has referred to it as "one of the most amazing fanzines around."

Unfortunately, compliments don't pay the bills and the magazine is wallowing in financial disaster. However, amassing wads of cash was never an impetus, and neither Gott nor Tibaldo are surprised that the RearGarde bank account hasn't made their branch manager sit up and spit nickles.

Tibaldo, the philosopher of the duo maintains, "Success shouldn't always be measured in terms of money. *RearGarde* did what it was designed to do and that is to be an authentic sounding board for the Montreal music scene."

In the shadow of a menacing mountain of debt which is slowly rising above the collars of their leather jackets, both Gott and Tibaldo, are going to put out one last issue. They don't know when and they don't know how. The latest issue of *RearGarde* made no mention that the magazine would be folding and so Gott believes, "It would be wonderful to do an official final issue. That would give us a chance to thank everyone who helped out and give *RearGarde* the sneering funeral it deserves."

RearGarde gave bands like *Three O'Clock Train*, *My Dog Popper* and even the ultra popular *Me, Mom and Morgentaler* a leg up. They also provided them with press clippings, cool photos and the miscellaneous ego fodder that have become the essential accessory for any garage band climbing the twisted ladder of alternative fame.

The decision to pull the plug on *RearGarde* will probably spell disaster for small local bands trying to make a mark or even a small dent in the Montreal scene. Local bands that become hot tickets are rare in a city where too many folks would rather spend their evenings at home eating stale popcorn and watching Tom Cruise make a fool out of himself. Instead more people should be hanging out at Foufounes, supporting the scene, having fun and perhaps even watching real people make fools of themselves.

Gott attributes the demise of *RearGarde* to the pathetic coverage and support of university radio stations and above all the Canadian government. "We are staffed by young Canadian writers immersed in music written in Canada by Canadians," Gott said. "We are the ultimate in Canadian Content but yet we can't get a penny from the government. It's pathetic."

In answer to the government's drowsy apathy Gott and Tibaldo are preparing their own private demonstration. Within the next few weeks every member of parliament will receive their own personal copy of *RearGarde*. Enclosed will be what appears to be a conventional letter explaining the intentions of the fab 'zine. But as one would expect from Gott and Tibaldo the letter will have unconventional "fuck off and die" ransom note style ending.

So for now all we can do is wait for the last issue that will herald the end of an era. Meanwhile Gott and Tibaldo will be enjoying their new found free time figuring out how to use their VCR and answering machine properly.

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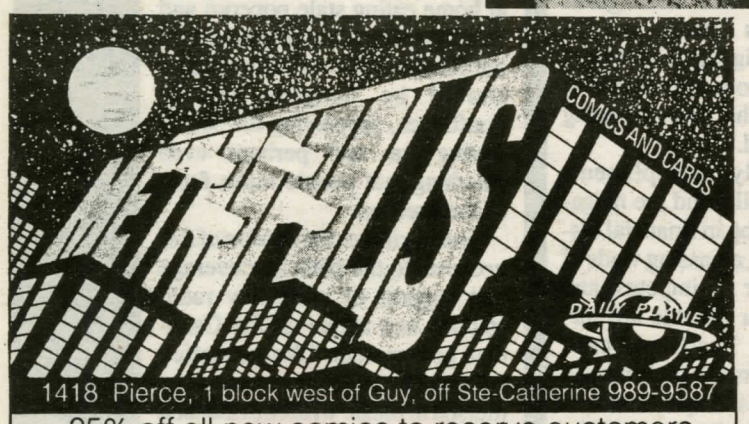

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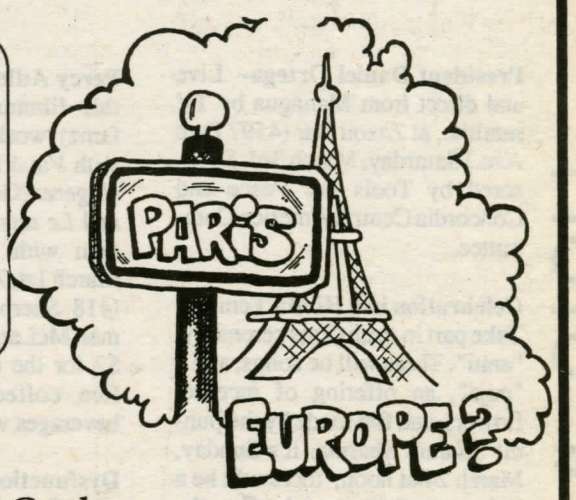

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est in North America." According to my calculations, at present I pay $733.50 a year (30 credits). This includes $450 of tuition and $283.50 in services. The government proposes to raise fees by $350 next year, and another $350 the next. This means that by 1992 I'll be paying $1433.70, not including the 10% extra!!! (let us not mention the tax on books!) The average loan given is $3000 and the maximum loan and bursary is $5679 (PGSS Newsletter, Jan. 1990). $10,000 is the poverty line in Quebec. On minimum wage, a student can make from $2500 to $3000 during the 16 week summer break. Even if loans are increased students still have to get by below the poverty line.

Already 68% of the student population works part time during school (Josette Cote, Dec. 1989). The time taken working takes away precious time from studying. In order to learn one must be comfortable and have an open mind to think and contemplate. Being under stress to pay your rent and feed yourself for the month is not a good regime for a student. Students deserve the best society has to offer! Not everyone can hack studying long hours and fiddling with theories for months on end. A healthy mind needs an outlet, so students party wildly! It does not mean we are spoiled brats who want a fee ride. The student life is not always Kraft dinner, but it is close...we save pennies for cheep beer at Reggies!

Not everyone who comes out with a bachelors is going to make $50,000 a year. No, graduates must sweat like all the other people in society, only they enter the job market later than others. A graduate has to work their way up the ladder like everyone else, except that person supposedly has extra tools to work with due to an education. It is a valuable difference, but not one to put a price tag on. Social advancement does not only mean economic advancement; just think of that.

Monique Anchelson

No sacred space

to the editors,

I hear the student government is kicking you out of your office, (or trying to). Once again CUSA, in its naivete, displays dangerously fascist tendencies.

Let me tell you a story. In the spring of 1984, *the Link* (of which I was a member) published an editorial during election week. *The Link*, in the editorial, reviewed the co-presidential slates, and chose one to be "the best of a bad lot," in our opinion. Only our opinion. We did not advocate voting for this slate as well.

The student government forced us to take as many of the 22,000 copies printed off the stands. (they acted unilaterally at first, seizing several bundles, a carload, outright).

This was the Tuesday edition. Between the hours of 11pm and 7am of that Wednesday and Thursday, I, editor Karen Herland, David Hunt and Tu Thanh Hà ripped out the editorials from as many copies as we could. Then we had to write that the copy had been fixed for proper consumption. Only then were they allowed back on the stands.

As our Friday edition was due the next day, the whole exercise seemed quite useless and the action of the student government very petty, yet we acted on our conscience, because we knew we were right.

I'd like to encourage the Link, in the interests of free and democratic speech, to continue fighting this latest in seeming series of slights by a knee jerk reactionary student government.

Brendan Cahill
Linkie 1984-87 and proud of it

No funds yet

to the editors,

In the Tuesday, January 30, 1990 issue of *the Link*, there is an article entitled "Student Peaceniks head for Middle East" by Stephen Lebovits in which Zaheed Iftekhar is reported as stating that "the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security will fund the trip." I wish to point out to you and your readers that this is not the case.

The Institute has not funded, committed itself to fund or expressed support in any other way for this trip. We have been approached but no favorable decision has been rendered. We would ask that your next issue correct this mistake so as not to leave any doubts among your readership.

We are sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Iftekhar.

John Toogood
Secretary/Treasurer
Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security

Still no funds

to the editors,

I am writing regarding an article written by Stephen Lebovits and published in *the Link* on Tuesday, January 30, 1990, titled "Student Peaceniks head for Middle East." The article states "(Zaheed) Iftekhar said he received confirmation by telephone that Peacefund Canada, and the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security will fund the trip (to the Middle East)". For the information of you and your readers I want to confirm that this is not the case. In a letter dated January 9, 1990, and through subsequent conversations with Mr. Iftekhar, Peacefund Canada stated that we would review the submission for funding assistance from the Canadian Students for International Peace, and would let them know our decision, after our Board of Directors meets at the end of March. At no time did we promise that we would fund the project.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to Mr. Iftekhar, and would appreciate it if you could clarify this misunderstanding in the next issue of *the Link*.

Thank you for your consideration.

Peggy Teagle
Executive Assistant
Peacefund Canada

Straight facts

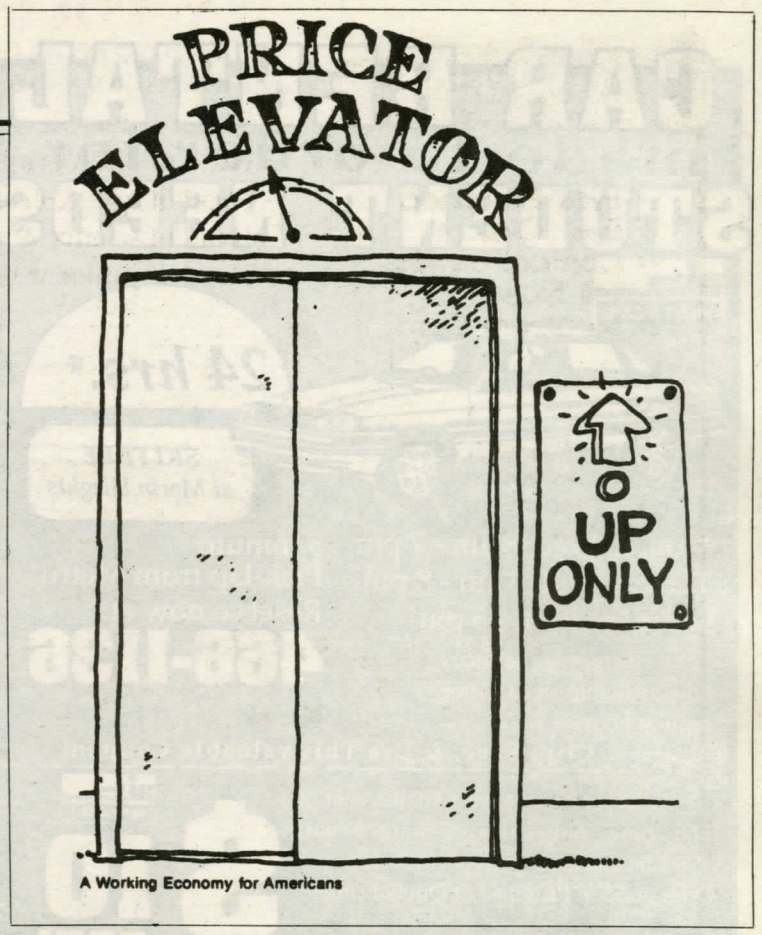
to the editors,

You received a letter from the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security signed by Mr. John Toogood, Secretary/Treasurer and dated February 9, 1990.

This is a mix up of the entire story. The file number Mr. Toogood mentioned in the letter is not correct, in fact our file number for funding the trip we asked for is 1976-8-3. The reference Mr Toogood has mentioned is our file number for the conference that will take place in May, 1990. This is a different project, completely separate from the other.

The reality is we applied for funding for the trip on November 30, 1989, but were denied on Dec. 7 because it did not fit the funding criteria. It was also mentioned in the letter "should you wish to discuss any aspect of possible financial support you may contact our Senior Grants Officer, Richard Brûlé, here at this institute." I phoned Mr. Brûlé and had a long conversation where he told me "we can't fund you during Christmas, unless you change the date of your trip." when we rescheduled the programme for February 1990, I sent him a letter in December in reference to our conversation. I am quoting from the letter: "As you mentioned during our telephone conversation it would be difficult for you to fund us during Christmas. I am happy to inform you that we have been successful in changing the date." Since I didn't have any answer until the end of January I phoned Mr. Brûlé to find out what was happening with our funding. He said they thought we had dropped the idea of the trip and were asking for funding for the conference. I explained clearly that the two were separate projects and he even told me "let's go back to the Middle-East again." He mentioned a special grant could be up to ten thousand dollars, not more than that, and he was going to talk to this boss. So those are the real facts of the dilemma.

Zaheed Iftekhar



Who is "we"?

to the editors,

I am very disturbed by the stand that the newly elected CUSA presidents have taken on the proposed tuition fee hikes. It was reported by Christopher Noxon, in the February 14th issue of *the Link*, that Stuart Letovsky and Tammy Powell are in support of the proposed tuition fee hike. Yet, at the February 13th general assembly on this topic, students demonstrated that they were opposed to it. Are these newly elected presidents representing Concordia students or the university administration?

Letovsky has been quoted to say, "We think that dropping ANEEQ is something we might do because we feel that they are not realistic enough." Who is we? ANEEQ, unlike these newly elected presidents, does speak for the students. Jeff Begley of ANEEQ was instrumental in bringing information to Concordia student groups. He has explained the issue of the tuition fee hike and has listened to all arguments. Can the same be said for Letovsky or Powell? ANEEQ plays an imperative role, the network of Quebec Universities is essential.

Quebec has been labelled by many a distinct society. Unfortunately political turmoil has been one negative characteristic amongst many positive ones. ANEEQ is a required organization which brings together both French and English Universities to discuss common issues. This organization is imperative if we wish to work towards developing a better community. It would be deplorable to further alienate Concordia.

Joanne Benoit
Co-president, Sociology and Anthropology Student Union

Gun-free, really me!

to the editors,

For most of the year, anachronisms like fur coats remain locked up, safe in storage vaults, while out of season. So logical — yet such simple reasoning escapes legislators on matters of life and death.

Now more than ever the question arises why, in Canada, hunting guns remain in free circulation. No state of civil war grips this country. There is absolutely no use for these guns in our urban centres, where game is kept in zoos.

Governments allow weapons to be sold to civilians for profit. Some people claim that it is not the gun but the individual who is potentially dangerous. So, before being armed, new policemen are first screened psychologically — while potentially psychotic civilians are merely asked for a clean criminal record. Quite the paradox?

Legislators must finally show some courage and morals. If weapon profiteering is to continue, sensible unarmed people must have rights too. Surely, a network of storage depots and on-going surveillance of owners is possible in so advanced a society, in order to keep arms safe when not in justified, authorized use. It has been done in England where even regular police are able to remain unarmed as a result.

What are govenments waiting for... how about legislating on the "right to life" for the born!

Christopher Godawa

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"The issue in question contained misleading information that threatened the general mood of a tuition hike strike on campus," Gagnon said at the impeachment meeting.

The paper's staff was not allowed speaking rights at the meeting.

"What we are doing is democratic," Gagnon said. "How much more democratic can we get? The student newspaper is accountable to students and therefore the student association board of directors."

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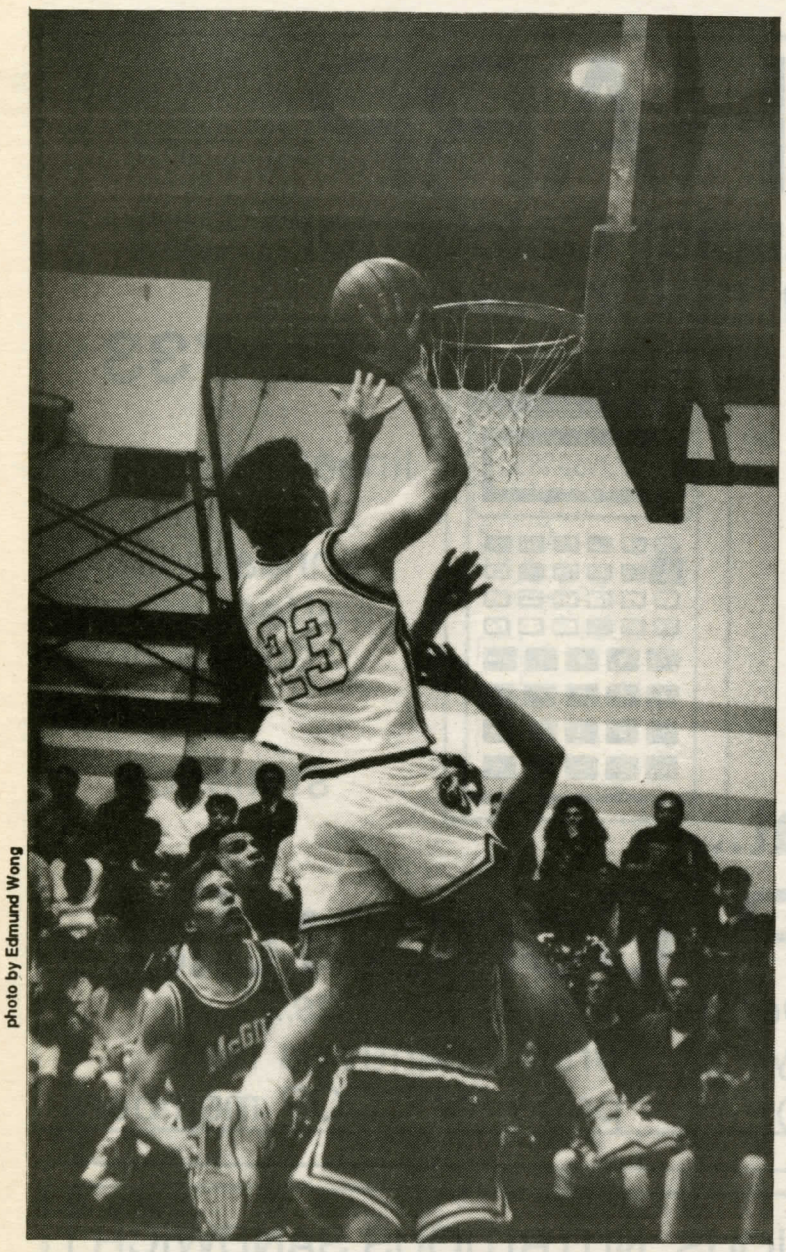

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Pat Sullivan , seen fully extended, scores over McGill guard David Steiner.

A close race to the end

by Paul Graif

Whoever said that playing before your home crowd was an advantage, obviously never heard of the Concordia-McGill basketball rivalry.

The Stingers men's and women's teams won a double header at the Currie gym on Feb. 16. They then lost both games of the Vittel Cup at Loyola this past Friday night, as the crosstown battle began to heat up going into the playoffs.

At Loyola, the men blew a nine point halftime lead, and lost for the first time to McGill in their last 11 meetings, 93-86.

Swingman Mike Cohee tied the game with a three point play at 71. From there, the Redmen went on a 10 to 4 point run to make the score 81-75 with 2:31 remaining. McGill iced their victory with clutch foul shooting down the stretch. They were on the line an unheard of 42 times.

Coach John Dore had no excuses for the loss. The team was not prepared to play.

"You never take them (McGill) lightly," he said. "We had already clinched the division, but that is no reason for the loss. They outplayed us."

The Redmen were led by all-star forward Paul Brousseau who had 27 points and 17 rebounds. Guard David Steiner poured in 24 for the winners, after being the goat in the Stinger victory the previous Friday. Steiner missed both ends of a two shot foul and a short jumper with 1:49 left in the game. McGill had forged a comeback from 20 points down, to bring the score to 76-73 in favour of the Stingers.

Steiner vented his frustration when he got into a shoving match with senior guard Mike Baker, after he was stripped of the ball the next time down the court.

Brousseau had 22 points and 14 boards in the first game.

"Brousseau is great. He is a tremendous player," coach Dore commented after the game.

The Stingers were led by Cohee, who averaged 14 points over the two games, including 14 boards at Loyola. Captain Nick Arvanitis, had a good couple of games, averaging 13 points and 12 rebounds against McGill.

Concordia, which was ranked sixth in the nation coming into their last regular season game, must now win the division playoffs if they are to go to the Nationals in Halifax March 15- 17. The format for the Championships, includes the six division winners from accross the country and two wildcard teams.

With the loss, the Stingers have all but eliminated their wildcard chances. They must win the division this weekend, in two playoff games.

The OUAA east playoffs are to be held at Concordia, with the semifinals pitting the Bishop's Gaiters and the McGill Redmen, and the Stingers will play the Gee Gees from Ottawa. The games will start Friday March 2 at 6:30. The final is slated for Saturday at 7:30.

Any team can win despite their regular season records, as they are all evenly matched. Dore thinks it will be some of the best and most exciting basketball of the season.

"There will be three great games. Any one of the four teams can win it on any given night. We have to be at the top of our game," Dore said. "Both McGill and Bishop's have already beaten us, and Ottawa probably is the most talented team in the division."

Puck stops here

by Francois Amyot

The Stingers' season came abruptly to an end last week as they were soundly beaten by the York Yeomen, 8-2. It looked like the Concordia men's hockey team was struck by a train in the sudden death quarter-final playoff game.

The Stingers have not been able to play physically against the much more robust Ontario-based teams this season, and this game was no exception.

Concordia coach Paul Arsenault said the loss was due to the same problems that affected the team all year; the lack of size and inexperience prohibited the players from winning the important games. Arsenault also insisted that missing all-star Mark Mahon was a big blow, as he was a great scorer in the close games.

Against York, Concordia's main force, its defense, fell apart.

"We were intimidated," the coach said. "We couldn't respond to their heavy checking."

The Stingers got their playoff birth by beating the Ryerson Rams, 7-3. The Rams looked like a lacrosse team. They used their sticks as weapons, and didn't demonstrate any seriousness in their play.

In that game, captain Richard Laplante reached the century mark. He scored his 100th career goal with the Stingers.

After that victory, the Stingers were hoping they would not face the Yeomen in the quarter final. At that time, the playoff picture wasn't already drawn. It takes six hours to travel to Toronto (where York is located) and the arena is cold. But, these factors had very little to do with the final outcome.

The future of the team doesn't look great with the departure of their best scorer, Richard Laplante. The magnificient goaltender, Rob Desjardins, might graduate this year as well.

But, Arsenault has a different opinion. He thinks the rookies will know what to expect next year and this may overweigh the departure of Richard Laplante. "They won't be shy next year," he said.

There is no goaltender on the team, or in the league for that matter, who can replace Desjardins. Arsenault said Concordia must find a very talented netminder if Desjardins decides not to return.

Concordia will certainly recruit more big and physical players to surround their small forwards, but it won't be easy. In Quebec, there is not much body contact in the Collegial AA and Junior Tier Two leagues. It usually takes a year for the rookies to adjust the style of the OUAA. The Ontarians have already seen that kind of play in their minor leagues.

The first priority of the Stingers is to convince four or five players from the QMJHL, who could help the team right away, to play university hockey. But McGill and UQTR are very competitive in drafting players from the QMJHL.

Concordia's defense is one of the best in the league, but the Stingers can't afford the departure of Desjardins. On offense, they must find a way to score. Richard Laplante provided most of the scoring.

Forwards like John Gravelle, Scott Kerins, Stephane Therrien and Steve Sonosky must take charge of the offense. Do not despair, the team is very young, they have 14 first year players, and they should be much stronger next year.

Sports*briefs*

The wrestling team is headed to the national championships this coming weekend at Mount Allison University. They're presently tied for the top ranking in the country with the University of Manitoba.

This past weekend the Stingers were outstanding in their tune-up meet. They won seven Golds and one silver medal at the CIAU qualifier. They have an excellent shot at winning the overall national championship, as well as some individual titles.

Rob Dawson, the leader on the squad, was named Concordia's male athlete of the month for February.

The Women's hockey team continues to roll heading into the playoffs. They finished off the regular season with consecutive shutouts.

On Tuesday February 20, they downed UQTR 8-0. Team scoring was well distributed, with Patty Arnold leading the way with 1 goal and 2 assissts. On Friday night the Stingers thrashed the McGill Martlets at McGill, 9-0. Laura Leslie once again led all scorers with 4 goals and 3 assissts.

Concordia finished up the regular season with the best record in the division at 14 and 1. They also placed four players in the top five of the scoring leaders. Leslie topped the league with 29 goals and 27 assissts for 56 points, an average of over 3.7 a game.

The Volleyball team bowed out of the first round of the playoffs, losing to the University of Laval. Norma Tavormina was named Concordia's woman athlete of the month for February.

The women's ski team continues to hold down first place in the Quebec division, after Julie Klotz and Rosanne Gamache placed second in successive races this weekend. Due to the somewhat disappointing performance by the men, Concordia is barely out of the medals in the overall combined team standings; the Stingers stand in fourth.

The team will participate in the finals on March 9 and 10 at Mount Garneau.

The OUAA all-star teams were named for men's hockey and basketball this week. The Stingers had two basketball second teamers. Forward Dino Perin, and last year's Concordia MVP Mike Cohee, were named to the squad.

Captain Richard Laplante was named as a first team all- star, while goaltender Robert Desjardins was named to the second team. Rookie forward Steve Sonoski was voted as the league's top rookie for the season.

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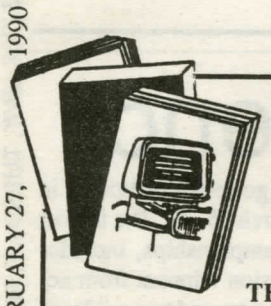

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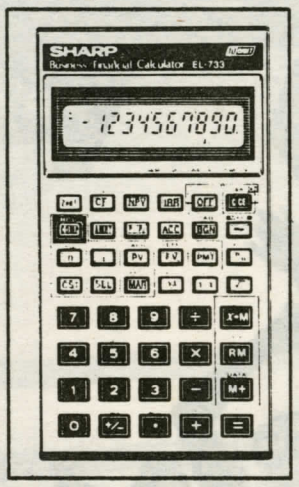

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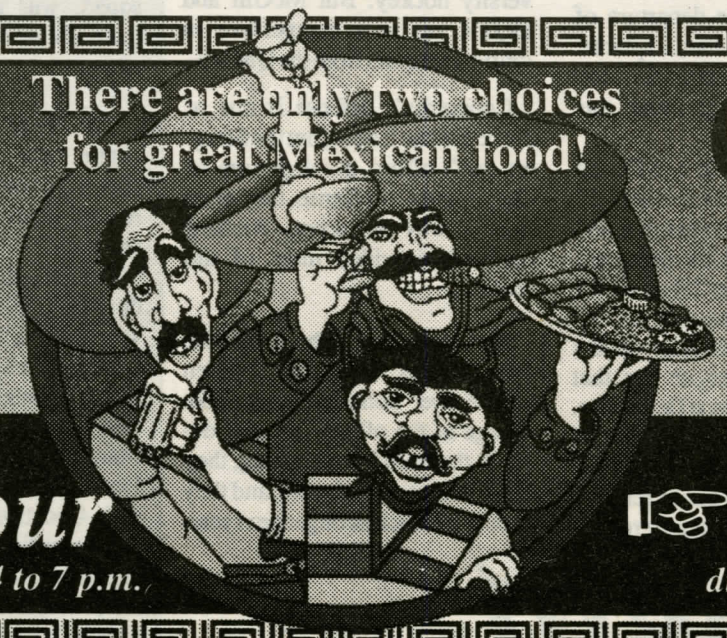

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Sports*beat*

Nos glorieux return home

by Paul Graif

The Montreal Forum lived up to its billing as a truely great hockey shrin Friday February 9, as the Montreal Canadians oldtimers faced off against the Petro Canada oldtimers, in support of the Concordia stadium fund.

The final score was irrelevant on this spectacular evening, as the objective was a good time for all. Everybody involved in this game, fans included were treated to reliving the old days, with no less than six hall of famers, including Maurice "The Rocket" Richard.

In a game that had very little significance except to bring these hockey legends together on the ice once again, the players showed some of that intense competitive spirit that made them the best players of their era.

The Petro Canada team won the game by a 7-5 score. They were led by the legendary Stan Mikita, the games MVP, who teamed up with former linemate Dennis Hull to provide the scoring punch for the team coached by the Honorable Gerry Weiner.

The awesome aura of the Forum still exists, no matter what the significance of the game. Mikita was happy to finally win one at the Forum.

"When we went up 3-1, we thought it would be a cakewalk, but it is always tough in this building. It's nice to win after all of those loses here," Mikita said.

It was a night rife with shenanigans and fooling around.

Gilles Marotte seemed to be having them most fun out there. He used all sorts of differnt gadgets, including a stick with an oversized blade, and one with a shaft that could extend about ten feet. It proved very effective in poke checking the puck away from the opposition.

"We always have fun out there. We wouldn't play if we didn't have fun," Marotte said.

For some of these players it was their first time back on the ice in quite a while. Pierre Mondu, whose carreer was cut short by a knee injury, he is only 34 years old, did not seem to lose much of his ability as he teamed up with former linemates Mario Tremblay and Yvon Lambert, to pace nos glorieux.

"It's nice to get back with the boys. 3 to 4 years, Tremblay said. There are moves out there that they didn't forget. "You know where your linemates are going to be, it is the same patterns at a slower speed."

Tremblay was the MVP for the good guys, he was by far and away the best skater on the ice. Although at 55 years old Henri "The Pocket Rocket" Richard, could give him a run for his money.

Mario looked as though he could still play in the pros, after a somewhat pre-mature retirementfive years ago at the age of 29. But, he would hear nothing of itwhen it was sugested to him that he could still play consideringthat Guy Lafleur and Larry Robinson continue to astound thehockey world.

"It's a different ballgame, it's faster. It's nice to be quick. When nobody touches you, you look good," Tremblay said.

The players and the fans weren't the only one's to be treated to a great evening. This reporter for one felt very fortunate to be among all of these legends.

It is true what they say about walking in to the Canadians dressing room, you feel an overwhelming sense of history and pride.

When you first enter you see the list of the Habs all time honor role. Looking up one can see the faces of the Montreal hall of fame members starring down at them underneath the saying; "To you from falling hands we throw the torch, be yours to hold it high."

Being in the dressing room interviewing these players was a dream come true, despite being in the middle of a water fight between Lambert and Canadians General Manager Serge Savard.

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Some of the Canadians greats of the year returned for one more game.

Stingers lose in last stretch

by Gary Lebovics

It would have been poetic justice for the women's basketball team, but it just wasn't to be. The Stingers would have had bragging rights on making the playoffs after losing 47 straight games.

But, the team just couldn't cut the mustard. They lost 80- 65 at home to the McGill Martlets this Friday. With a victory, Concordia would have clinched a playoff berth.

The Stingers had to beat top ranked Bishop's in Lennoxville, and hope that McGill would beat Laval.

Concordia upheld its end of the bargain, defeating the Gaiters 45-44. Unfortunately, McGill lost 70-66 to Laval, thereby dashing the Stingers hopes of making the playoffs.

Before the break, on Feb. 16, Concordia went in to McGill and won an inspiring 53-52 game over second place Martlets. The Stingers overcame a 33-27 McGill halftime lead to scrape up the ever-so-close victory.

Isabelle Tetrault, who placed second in league scoring with an average of 15.6 points per game, led the way for the Stingers with 16 points, but the true star of the game was guard Tanya Guitman who kept Tina Fasone under tight control. Guitman scored 8 points and held the all-Canadian guard to just one field goal and a total of 6 points.

"It felt just great, awesome," noted Guitman on her defensive play and the win over the Martlets. "The win was so satisfying ,we kept hearing our last win against McGill was a fluke, and now we're finally getting the recognition we deserve".

The Stingers then faced off against first place Bishops where they lost a 57-48 yawner. The loss left the Stingers with a 3-7 record and with a win against McGill on the following Friday.

In their most important game to date, the Stingers lost to the Martlets by a score of 80-65. Fasone led her team, as she has done for most games this season, with 23 points. Guitman watched helplessly from the bench as she experienced some early foul trouble.

Suzie Czelnai led the Stingers with an outstanding 25 points but McGill was too good and consistent. They never really allowed Concordia to get anything going. The Martlets scored the first seven points of the game, and never relinquished the lead.

"It was a discouraging loss, we could have made the playoffs if we won," first year guard Catherine Gagnon said. "We learned our lesson, we have to play aggressively as a team on both sides of the court."

Unfortunately for Concordia this lesson may have been learned a little bit too late in the season.

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1) Mario Lemieux has been chasing Wayne Gretzky's 51 game point scoring streak since late October. Who's 28 game streak did Gretzky eclipse with a then record 30 game streak in 1982-83?
2) Patrick Roy is tied for the league lead in shutouts with three. Who holds the all time NHL record for shutouts in a single season?
3)Who holds the NHL record for most assists by a left winger in a single season?
4) What number did Maurice "The Rocket" Richard wear for the Montreal Canadians before he donned the number 9?
5) Aside from #99, who are the top three players in terms of total points in the 1980's?
Answers will appear in our next issue, along with more trivia.

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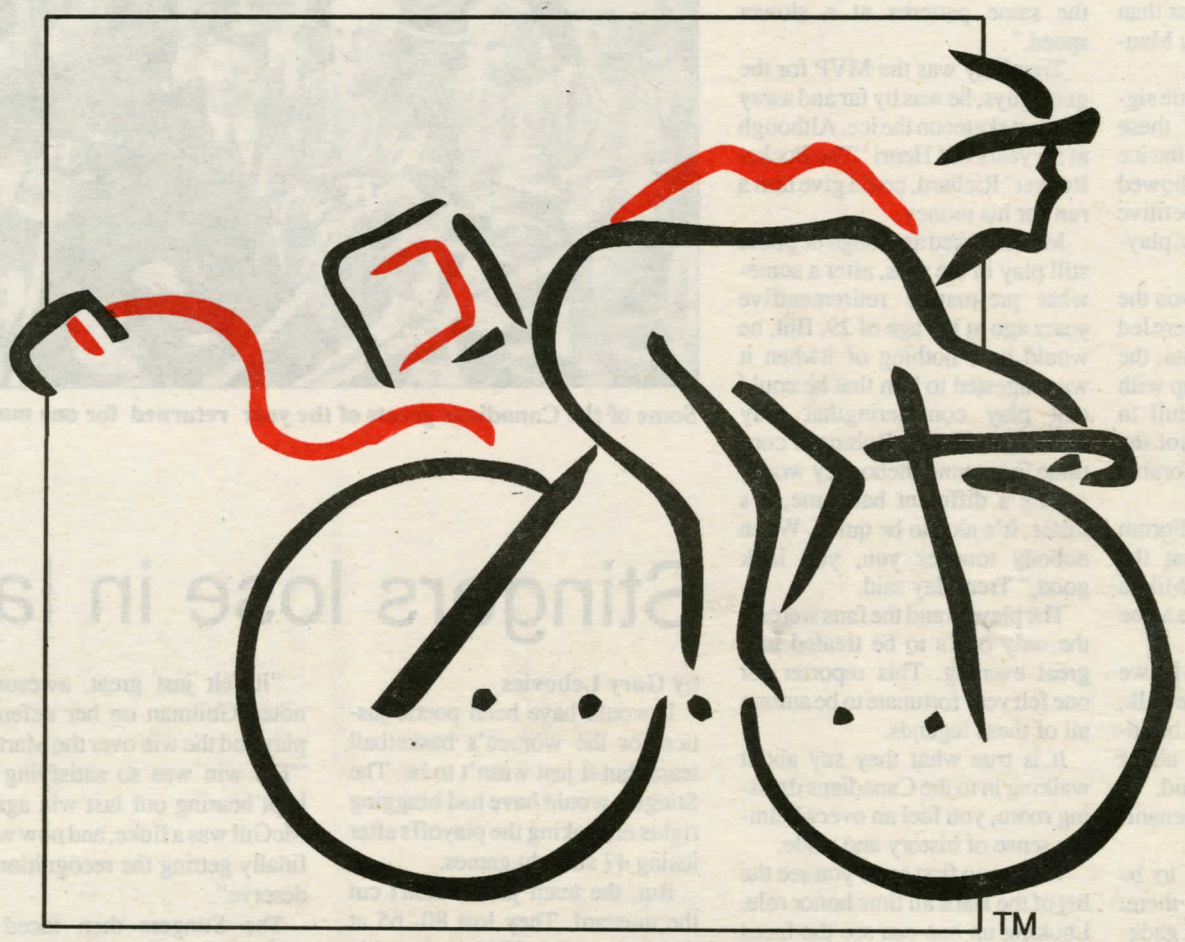

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